



# GREENSBORO URBAN AREA

## Transportation Advisory Committee

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes of August 25, 1999**  
**10:30 a.m. Greensboro, NC**

#### **TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sandy Carmany	City of Greensboro Council Member
Don Vaughan	City of Greensboro Council Member
Phyllis Gibbs	Guilford County Commissioner
Doug Galyon	North Carolina Department of Transportation
Jeff Thigpen	Guilford County Commissioner

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Anna Brigman	North Carolina Department of Transportation
Lynise DeVance	Federal Highway Administration
Jim Elza	Guilford County Planning & Development
Jim Westmoreland	Greensboro Department of Transportation
Ted Johnson	PTIA Authority
Kenneth King	Greensboro Department of Transportation
Tyler Meyer	Greensboro Department of Transportation
John Watkins	North Carolina Department of Transportation
Elizabeth James	Greensboro Transit Authority
Veronica Dunlap	Greensboro Department of Transportation

#### **I. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **Appoint Acting Chair**

Don Vaughan welcomed meeting attendees and stated he would serve as TAC Chair on behalf of Mayor Allen if TAC approved. Doug Galyon moved to designate Don Vaughan acting TAC Chair. Motion was seconded by Sandy Carmany and approved.

##### **Approval of Minutes, July 22, 1999**

Corrections to the minutes were identified. Sandy Carmany moved to approve the July 22, 1999 minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Doug Galyon and approved.

### **Approval of Plan and Program Resolutions**

Tyler Meyer reviewed the July 22 TAC actions that released the *Post Redesignation Conformity Analysis Report and Conformity Determination for the Greensboro Urban Area 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan*, the *2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*, and the *2000-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments* for a 30 day public comment period. The public comment period was advertised in the Greensboro News & Record and the Carolina Peacemaker, and public review documents were distributed according to MPO public involvement policies. No public comments were received. Three resolutions for TAC approval were then described:

- **Find the 2025 LRTP and MTIP in Conformity with the NC State Implementation Plan (SIP)** The *Conformity Analysis Report* documents that the *2025 LRTP* and *2000-2006 MTIP* conform to the SIP and all applicable federal transportation and air quality requirements.
- **Adopt the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** The *2025 LRTP* accelerates Urban Loop construction between I-40 and Airport Parkway and adds an interchange construction project on Airport Parkway at Old Oak Ridge Road. The *2025 LRTP* contains a full set of documentation of planning assumptions and process.
- **Adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments** The *MTIP Amendments* provide the complete and current public transit element of the MTIP.

Sandy Carmany moved to approve all three resolutions. Phyllis Gibbs seconded the motion, which was then approved. Don Vaughan requested a glossary of frequently used transportation planning terms be prepared for distribution with TAC minutes. A glossary will assist TAC and other meeting participants in understanding the numerous acronyms in MPO materials, issues and discussions. Ken King indicated a glossary would be available at future TAC meetings.

### **IV. BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### **MTIP 2002-2008 Development Schedule**

Ken King gave an overview of the MTIP 2002-2008 Development Process. This two year process includes a Draft MTIP in October 2000 for review purposes, and the final MTIP for TAC adoption in January 2001. The first step will be preparation of a MPO Priority Needs List for November TAC adoption and submission to NCDOT. The list will inform NCDOT of local TIP priorities and play an important role in the MPO Priority Session with NCDOT in December. TCC will develop a recommended needs list through a series of staff work sessions and TCC actions.

King presented options for seeking public comments as part of priority needs identification. A public comment period and mailings to targeted stakeholder groups was proposed. TAC agreed with this approach and requested advertisements in the Greensboro News & Record and the Carolina Peacemaker. Targeted mailings will include incorporated Guilford County Towns, TREBIC, and the Chamber of Commerce. Public comments will be presented along with TCC recommendations for consideration at the October 21<sup>st</sup> TAC meeting.

## **V. OTHER ITEMS**

### **NCDOT Board Member Update**

Doug Galyon began by praising the appointment of Mayor Smothers of High Point to the NC Board of Transportation. Mayor Smothers will advocate for Greensboro and the Triad, and should be kept informed of Greensboro MPO issues and invited to TAC meetings. Galyon then reviewed the status of key transportation projects.

The Southern Urban Loop is phased in four segments, the first which is under construction. The segment from north of Wiley Lewis Road to McConnell Road was let in July. The segment from I-85 between Groometown Road and Holden Road to Elm-Eugene Street will be considered by the BOT to put to bid in September. The segment from Elm-Eugene Street to Wiley Lewis Road is planned to be let in February 2000. Construction of the entire project is anticipated to be complete in 2003. The Western Urban Loop segment between I-40 and Bryan Boulevard is programmed for construction beginning in 2002, but the section between I-85 and I-40 is planned for Post Year Construction. Accelerating the I-85 to I-40 segment should be an MPO priority.

At their August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Guilford County Commissioners requested NCDOT to abandon maintenance of Regional Road on a 1/10 of a mile section from Lebanon Road to Airport Parkway provided that viable access to the area be maintained. Study will occur and alternate routes will be considered. NC 68 will likely provide the viable alternate route. This road closure is an essential safety issue for the Airport, and has been determined by FAA to be a mandatory correction.

John Watkins said that approximately \$2 million in additional funds have been committed to NC 68 safety improvements from Pleasant Ridge to Rockingham County. Incorporating these funds will require a MTIP Amendment in October or November. Though these improvements are important, the solution to access, mobility, and safety problems in the NC 68/ Airport Area remains the US 220/ NC 68 Connector project. Currently planned for Post Year construction, acceleration of this project should be an MPO Priority.

### **Battleground Rail Trail Update**

Ken King distributed the notice for the Battleground Rail Trail Public Workshop to be held on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis Recreation Center from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.. The workshop will give Greensboro citizens an opportunity to discuss the proposed multi-purpose trail from downtown Greensboro north to the Lake Brandt / Bicentennial Trail, Country Park, and Guilford Courthouse Battleground Park. The notices were mailed to property owners along the rail corridor and posted in area bicycle shops. Discussion about the proposed project followed. Don Vaughan suggested GTA consider mounting bike racks on transit buses to facilitate bike travel in Greensboro.

### **MPO Informational Material**

Tyler Meyer distributed a laminated Greensboro Urban Loop Interchange Map with a transportation project status list on the back as well as the Fall / Winter 1999 Greensboro Urban Area Transportation Project Update newsletter. These materials were prepared following a July 22, 1999 TAC request. TAC concurred that this was useful information, and encouraged future informational materials. The newsletter will be distributed to government and business leaders

and the general public, and posted online at the GDOT web site (<http://www.ci.greensboro.nc.us/GDOT/>).

Meyer stated the next TAC meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> and that further notice would be given.

There being no further business, Jeff Thigpen moved for adjournment. Sandy Carmany seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.